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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 2 February 1982 House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Hearing on Wilson/Terpil [] 25X1

1. The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) convened in H-405, The Capitol, on 2 February 1982 at 0930 hours to receive testimony on the Wilson/Terpil case. [] 25X1

2. Members present from the Committee were: [] 25X1

Edward P. Boland (D., MA), Chairman
Clement Zablocki (D., WI)
Romano Mazzoli (D., KY)
Norman Mineta (D., CA)
Lee Hamilton (D., IN)
Albert Gore, Jr. (D., TN)
Bob Stump (D., AZ)

Robert McClory (R., IL)
Bill Young (R., FL)
Kenneth Robinson (R., VA)
William Whitehurst (R., VA)

3. Staff members present were: [] 25X1

Thomas K. Latimer, Staff Director
Patrick Long
Mike O'Neil
Herbert Romerstein

Betsy Keyes
Bernie Raimo
Ira Goldman

4. Present from CIA were: [] 25X1

William J. Casey
Admiral B. R. Inman
Chuck Briggs
Stanley Sporkin

Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Inspector General
General Counsel
Director, Office of External Affairs
Chief, Legislative Liaison Division
Chief, House Liaison
Legislative Liaison
Chief, Central Cover Staff
Special Assistant for Inter-departmental Affairs

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5. Chairman Boland opened the hearing by delivering some cordial remarks. He commended the Agency on its "excellent cooperation" and stated that the Committee staff investigation would not have been complete had CIA not made its files available for review. The purpose of this hearing, according to Mr. Boland, is not to make headlines for the Committee but rather to determine where the truth lies. He indicated that public hearings will be held at a later date. [] 25X1

6. In response to Mr. Boland's opening statements, Mr. Casey applauded the objectivity and thoroughness of the staff's investigation. He then delivered a lengthy statement in which he outlined the employment history of Messrs. Wilson and Terpil, described the background of the case, and identified several areas of concern to be addressed in the future. Mr. Casey seemed satisfied that our investigation was thorough, but indicated that it will continue until we have reached the bottom of this incident. Despite its ongoing nature, Mr. Casey noted that the following tentative conclusions will hold up: (1) there was no official CIA involvement in Libyan terrorist training; (2) there was no official CIA contact with Wilson or Terpil after their indictment; and (3) there was no official CIA involvement in the recruitment of the Green Berets. While urging the Committee to play a constructive role regarding future legislation, the Director cited some of the potentially negative affects of placing even more stringent restrictions on Agency employees. In addition, he extolled the dedication of Agency personnel and hastened to point out that only a few individuals have embarked on a criminal course of activity. [] 25X1

7. Members on both sides of the aisle seemed determined to take measures to preclude the recurrence of such an incident. One proposed solution -- which was supported by Messrs. McClory, Hamilton, Mazzoli, and Gore -- is to either regulate or prohibit former intelligence officers from working for foreign governments. To this suggestion, Mr. Sporkin replied that some sort of registration process could be created but that distinguishing between friendly and unfriendly governments would be extremely difficult. [] 25X1

8. The Members came down very hard on Messrs. [] and Ted Shackley (former CIA employees). When asked for his views on the actions of these two individuals, Mr. Casey asserted that they exercised poor judgment. In response to Mr. Gore's comment that the social relationship between Messrs. [] and Wilson was "outrageous", Admiral Inman stated that the decision to continue this relationship in indefensible. [] 25X1

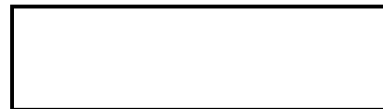
9. The Members are clearly concerned about our ability to insure that former employees will not have a direct pipeline into the Agency. The 3 February "Code of Conduct" and the statements made in this testimony should indicate the seriousness with which we review relationships between former and active-duty employees. [] 25X1

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10. Questions for the record will be submitted. Mr. Mazzoli identified for Mr. Sporkin five areas of concern for possible legislation and would like his input.

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